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CHEROKEE OFFICERS ARE LOCATED HERE.

Freedmen Desiring to be Enrolled
Must Come to This
City.

The freedmen desiring to have their names included on the Cherokee rolls will now be compelled to leave their nation and come to Muskogee.

Cherokee Attorneys Davenport and Bell have opened offices on the third floor of the Dawes Commission building and have brought all the official documents over from Tahlequah. In the future all evidence and argument as to the right of freedmen to be enrolled will be heard and determined there. There are as yet some 400 who have not been admitted by the Dawes Commission, and 750 applications passed by the commission which have not yet been passed upon by the Secretary of the Interior. The Tahlequah Herald, in its last issue, says: "There is a rumor afloat that Chief Rogers was not at all well pleased with the manner in which the attorneys for the Nation, having charge of the freedmen division of the work have been attending to business, and that he thought the Nation was getting the worst of the business, yet what evidence the chief had in this connection was not divulged."

"At any rate, the freedman will now have to hit the pike for Muskogee and 'butt in' on Attorneys Hooley Bell and James S. Davenport, who have charge of this division."—Phoenix.

Colored Teachers Appointed, Creek Nation

Following are the appointments of teachers for colored neighborhood schools in the Creek Nation as made by Supervisor Alice Robertson and Superintendent Cheesie McIntosh and approved by Superintendent Jno. D. Benedict.

Ash Creek, Miss Lizzie Jefferson; Black Jack, Miss S. E. Marchant; Cherryville, John H. Wright; Brush Hill, Mrs. J. E. Crinstead; Blue Creek, Mrs. C. A. Hunter; Cane Creek, John Houston Parker; Chicken Creek, W. A. Randall; Coal Creek, Mrs. E. N. J. Sims; Coon Creek, Mrs. Fannie L. Lavender; Marshalltown, Charles A. Biggers; New Hope, Lelah C. Biggers; New Paradise, Odessa A. King; Old Agency, Hattie T. Davidson; Salt Creek, J. A. Anderson; Spring Hill, J. N. B. Wall; Spring Valley, J. E. Douglass; Sugar Creek, S. Sims; Wild Cat, W. G. McGowan; Pleasant Grove, C. C. Byrd; Willow Springs, Cora Lee Welch; Beggs, Bessie E. Hill; Rentie, Willie May Poston, Oak Ridge, Pearson S. Bryant; Oak Grove, A. L. W. Shields; Mount Bethel, Mattie M. Smith; Morris Renty, Carrie M. Watson.

All the above teachers were appointed upon certificates from the late Normal, preference in appointment being given to those making the best grades.

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RENTIE ITEMS.

Rentie, I. T., July 30.—Crop are looking fine in the vicinity and grown cotton-bolls are no strangers.

When at Rentie call on J. H. Reeves for groceries of all kind and cold drinks of the best kind, prices to suit your pocket, and groceries and drinks to suit your appetite.

Rev. D. D. Spots the A. M. E. pastor is doing a good work here. Rev. Spots is an amendment to our past religious constitution—"The right men in the right place."

There was quite an interesting entertainment given at the Masonic Hall last night (Thursday night) for the purpose of raising money to help defray the expenses of Masonic delegates to the Worlds Congress to be held in St. Louis, Mo.

Don't forget the grand barbeque to be given at Rentie on Aug 4th 1904. Come one come all.

Rev. D. D. Spotts and and delegate to the S. S. Convention will leave for Grayson City on August 8th 1904, where they will tend the A. M. E., S. S. Convention.

J. H. Reeves is putting in a new stock of groceries which he will sell almost at cost for 90 days call in and see him when in Rentie he will treat you right.

J. H. Reeves is Postmaster at Rentie, I. T. and is doing good business in every way as has been said: "The Negro is a thing of the past" but he is being used in the present, now.

Prof. J. H. Higgs will leave Rentie for Parsons Kansas to day on business and will probably be gone for eight or ten days.

Prof. J. H. Reeves P. M. at Rentie was over to Muskogee a few days ago attending to free school business and think the school will open about the first Monday in September.—Monitor.

Mr. Editor:—In the fight for postmaster now on. I believe that the best interest of all concerned would be to stay with the past few years and who has filled the position with credit to himself and his party. Mr. Estes is a good republican and has made a splendid officer and I believe he should be retained for the ensuing term. He is an old soldier and a firm friend of the soldiers. There is not a blot on his record.—Henry Burnside.

FEDERAL OFFICERS TO PROTECT NEGROES

At Holdenville—Arrests Have Been Made, the Infractionists to be Punished, and the Town Purged of Negro-Phobia.

"I want the people of Holdenville to understand that they can not run Negroes out of town after they are there, just because they are Negroes, or keep them from coming there if they desire to do so."—Mellette.

The stand taken by the U. S. Attorney, Hon. Wm. Mellette in the Holdenville affair, and his support by the balance of the court officials, is condemnable and shows that the officials in this Western District from Judge to constable, are in favor of enforcing the law and are in favor of justice and right. These are the same men that have been designated by the black allies of democracy as the "Court Gang." And it was by using this cry that Isaac and his tools succeeded in defeating a republican for office. Now if this outfit are not cowardly cusses, why don't they name they name that part of the Court House Gang that they were so bitterly opposed to? If it were not for the people who are accused and abused by the crowd of political buccaneers, and pirates these same pirates would hot-foot it from the Territory in the dignified manner that they shinned out of Texas and Arkansas and Texas when the oppressor was after him with his bull whip and his crown of thorns And now the same cusses are going into the Democratic party and hunting for the Thirty Pieces of Silver; and like the thief, in the big city, who is chased by the officers stop and point at some honest man and yell, "Stop thief." The whole gang have been caught in their fingers at the men who supported the ticket and yelling, "Stop thieves."

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COLORED MASS CONVENTION.

Mr. Editor:—Please give space to this short note, in order to correct a published statement appearing in last issue of a paper published in this city, called "The Muskogee Cimeter." The editorial of the paper in question, that the call published for a mass convention of colored citizens of the Indian Territory, is inspired for opposition to the Republican party in the territories, and that it is in the interest of lily-whitism I wish to say, as I am chairman in that call for the 16th of August, that the call is wholly void of the slightest foundation. The convention is for the purpose of memorializing the senate of the United States on behalf of the colored people of the proposed new state, that the suffrage provision of the pending statehood bill, be retained as it passed the house of representatives. Experience has shown that the colored voter has been the chief sufferer, whenever political restrictions are applied in any state, and in this feature of the present bill, the callers of the convention feel that the colored men are more directly interested in its passage; and to that end the mass convention is called. It is also proposed, that steps are to be formulated in that convention looking to a thorough organization of the colored Republicans throughout the Territory, which organizations are to work under control and jurisdiction of the recognized Republican committees now existing in the Indian Territory. Any other purpose attributed to the callers of the proposed convention on the 16th is a great injustice to the callers and likewise the public in general.

Respectfully,

CORNELIUS J. JONES.

—Phoenix.

Another dodge. If Jones means what he says, why did he call a convention of republicans, why was the call made for other than colored men. The above letters are in direct opposition each to the other. Read his call and then read his letter and any fairminded person will admit that Cornelius the Great is making a splendid attempt to straddle.

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